

Army Reports No One Hurt at Kankakee Unit

'Detonation Caused By Overheated Chemical Reaction'

An explosion ripped thru a building on the TNT line at the Kankakee unit of the Joliet Arsenal, Wednesday morning, and caused \$100,000 damage, an Army spokesman announced at noon.

Three workers in the building escaped unhurt, he said.

The explosion occurred around 8:30 a. m.

THE SPOKESMAN said that a tri-nitrator on TNT line number five "overheated from chemical reaction, causing a low order detonation and severely damaging the building and equipment."

The two-story building is approximately 20 by 40 feet and is constructed of wood and transite.

The accident is being investigated by the U. S. Rubber Co., operating contractor, and U. S. Army personnel.

The accident is not expected to hamper production, the Army spokesman announced.